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SUBJECT: NAMSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF 7-8 JULY 1977  
AT LUXEMBOURG

REFS: A. STATE 157057 (DTG 062259ZJUL77, B. STATE 150743

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FOLLOWING IS REPORT OF ITEMS CITED IN REF A AND OTHERS OF  
INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES:

VI. AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE 1975 FINANCIAL STATEMENT. THE  
BOARD DETERMINED THAT THE CUSTOMS PROBLEMS WITH THE  
ITALIAN AUTHORITIES AT THE SOUTHERN DEPOT IN TARANTO SHOULD  
BE STUDIED FURTHER BY THE FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMIT-  
TEE TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR FUTURE ACTION.

VIII. PERFORMANCE OF MAINTENANCE SERVICES BY NAMSA. THE  
BOARD CONFIRMED THE CURRENT POLICY WHEREBY THE AGENCY IS  
FREE TO EXPLORE ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS  
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THE DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING IN-HOUSE MAINTENANCE CAPA-  
BILITY. THIS AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AFTER STRENUOUS OBJEC-  
TION IN PRINCIPLE BY FRANCE TO ANY EXTENSION OF NAMSA'S  
IN-HOUSE MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY, AND STRONG U. S. POSITION  
IN FAVOR OF FURTHER DEVELOPING THAT CAPABILITY.

XIII. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

AND NAMSA FOR THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF NIKE. AFTER APPROVING AGREEMENT SET FORTH IN BOD/25 FOR SIGNATURE BY THE GENERAL MANAGER FOR NAMSA (AND DARCOM FOR DA), THE NETHERLANDS SUPPORTED BY THE FRG AND THE AGENCY RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE RESPONSIVENESS OF DARCOM SUPPORT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATO NIKE COMMUNITY. THE U. S. INVITED THE AGENCY TO PROVIDE TO DA, WITH INFORMATION COPY TO THE U. S. BOARD MEMBER, SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF CURRENT PRACTICAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH A VIEW TO CORRECTIVE ACTION.

XXIII. FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE NATO PENSION SCHEME. U. S. MADE STATEMENT DRAWING ON GUIDANCE IN REF B. STATEMENT MET WITH FULL AGREEMENT ON PART OF NAMSA DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, WHO INDICATED THAT NAMSA INTENDS TO PROPOSE TO THE FINANCIAL COMPTROLLER OF NATO A UNIFORM SYSTEM FOR ALL ELEMENTS OF NATO IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATO PENSION SCHEME. AS AN INTERIM MEASURE, THE BOARD AGREED, SUBJECT TO RESERVE BY ITALY, TO THE PAYMENT OF ANY PENSIONS FROM A SUSPENSE ACCOUNT PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUDGET COVERING THE PENSION SCHEME. THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE INDICATED THAT THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRELIMINARY GUIDELINES NAMSA HAS RECEIVED FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT NATO CIVIL AND MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE.

XXV. U. S. PROPOSAL FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF SALARY AND EMOLUMENTS OF NAMSO CHAIRMAN. U. S. MEMBER MADE STATEMENT DRAWING ON

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ING UPON GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN REF C. THE NETHERLANDS LED OFF RESPONSE FOR COUNTRIES OPPOSING U. S. PROPOSAL AND CITED WILLINGNESS OF NETHERLANDS TO CONTRIBUTE FULL TIME CHAIRMAN IN THE PAST, GIVING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NADGE POLICY BOARD AS AN EXAMPLE. THE U. K. FOLLOWED UP BY CITING CONTRIBUTED CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE NATO CIVIL AND MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEES. THE CHAIRMAN RECOGNIZED THAT IN ABSENCE OF UNANIMITY TO THE U. S. PROPOSAL THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENT CONTINUES AND THEN ASKED FOR INDICATION BY SHOW OF HANDS OF COUNTRIES PREPARED TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN ON A CONTRIBUTED BASIS. ALTHOUGH THE RESPONSE AT THE MEETING WAS NEGATIVE, THE BOARD AGREED THAT THE CHAIRMAN WOULD INVITE COUNTRIES TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES ON A CONTRIBUTED BASIS BY 1 OCTOBER 1977.

XXVI. PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING A NEW CHAIRMAN. NO ACTION TAKEN OTHER THAN DISCUSSION REPORTED UNDER ITEM XXV, ABOVE. BENNETT

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